

HILLSTROM PAYS PENALTY FOR CRIME

CONVICTED MURDERER OF SALT LAKE GROCER AND HIS SON EXECUTED AT PRISON.

Final Efforts to Secure Stay of Execution Prove Futile and Condemned Man Faces Firing Squad After Night Spent in Sleep.

Salt Lake City.—Joseph Hillstrom, convicted of the murder of J. G. Morrison and his son J. Arling, January 10, 1914, was executed at the state prison Friday morning.

Hillstrom was sentenced to be shot on September 4, 1914, but a delay of the date of execution was secured and he was rescheduled to be executed on October 1, 1915. At the request of President Wilson, in compliance with a request of the Swedish minister, Governor Spry granted a reprieve until the board of pardons could consider the case.

The board of pardons considered the appeal for clemency and denied it, and on October 15, Hillstrom was again sentenced to be shot on November 19. Another request for clemency came from President Wilson two days before the execution, asking for clemency. Declaring that his obligations as chief executive of the commonwealth of Utah, and his oath as governor to enforce the laws of the state, precluded his interference with the court's order for the execution of Joseph Hillstrom, convicted murderer, Gov. William Spry, after careful consideration of President Wilson's request, declined to act on the appeal of the nation's chief for reconsideration of the Hillstrom case.

Hillstrom went to the death chair without faltering. He preserved the same calm demeanor that has been characteristic of him since he was first arrested.

During the greater part of his last night on earth Hillstrom slept soundly. When he awakened he said he felt well, with the exception of a sore throat. His voice was husky.

A message received by Governor Spry at 5:30 Friday morning caused the governor to get into touch with members of the board of pardons. The message was from Judge Hilton of Denver and said William Busky of Seattle had made affidavit that he was with Hillstrom on the night of the murder. Hilton asked for a respite of ten days to investigate. Hillstrom, when asked if he knew Busky, denied he knew of such a man. This decided the governor to order the execution without delay.

Joseph Hillstrom was convicted of the murder of John G. Morrison, a grocer, and his son, J. Arling, 17 years old, at Morrison's store in the southern portion of the city about 9 o'clock on the evening of January 10, 1914.

The shooting was witnessed by Merlin Morrison, another son, 14 years old. According to this boy's story, which was corroborated on many points by other evidence, two masked men entered the store with drawn pistols, and saying: "We've got you now!" opened fire on Morrison, who fell mortally wounded with a bullet through his chest. J. Arling Morrison ran to an ice box in the store, seized a .38-caliber revolver and fired. Before the boy could shoot again, he fell, pierced by three bullets and died almost instantly.

Hillstrom, also known as Joe Hill, was arrested three days after the shooting on information given by Dr. A. A. Bird. Hillstrom staggered into the doctor's home two hours after the shooting, with a large bullet wound through his left lung. He told the doctor he had been shot in a quarrel over a woman and requested that nothing be said regarding his visit or wound. The doctor, not having heard of the murders, treated the wound and took Hillstrom to the house of the Eselius brothers in Murray, where he had been spending several days. Accounts of the murders recalled the case to the doctor and he informed the officers.

The doctor noticed an automatic pistol, of the same calibre as shells found in the grocery after the shooting, in Hillstrom's pocket. Hillstrom threw the weapon away after leaving the doctor's home. Blood was found at several places in a general southerly direction from the store, and members of the Eselius family said a companion had visited him late the night of the murders, talked privately with him and left. This man was not apprehended and has not been heard of since. The sheriff's office said it was Otto Applequist, who had for some time been Hillstrom's companion.

Another Ship Strikes Mine.

London.—The Norwegian steamer San Miguel, of 1,659 tons gross, struck a mine in the North sea Thursday and sank. The crew was rescued and landed at Grimsby Friday.

To Extend Work of Y. M. C. A. Denver, Colo.—Plans to extend the work of the Young Men's Christian association to the mining camps of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company in Colorado and Wyoming were launched here Thursday.

Italians to Attack Gorizia. Geneva.—The Italians are preparing for a formidable attack on Gorizia, according to the Milan correspondent of the Zurich Gazette. Fifty hundred thousand men are to be employed.

ALLIES FORCING GRECIAN DECISION

HELLENIC KINGDOM CAN DELAY NO LONGER, AS BLOCKADE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

Armed Interruption of Greek Commerce First Step in Movement to Force King Constantine Into War or Armed Alliance.

Athens.—A blockade of Greece by the allies has been put into operation. The declaration of the blockade was issued within an hour of the Greek premier's notice that his government would "disarm and imprison" all Serbian troops taking refuge in Greek territory.

Early Sunday the great fleets of the allies gathered at Malta and formed themselves into squadrons to scour the Mediterranean and Aegean seas and search and hold up every craft flying the Greek flag. This armed interruption of Greek commerce is the first step in the "commercial and economic blockade" to force King Constantine into war or armed alliance with the entente. It is well known here that Germany foresaw this move when she sent her fleet of submarines into the Mediterranean, and a new activity upon the part of these undersea craft is imminent.

The attitude of the Greek government to the allies is still unsatisfactory. The king, through his cabinet, has again affirmed his "friendliness," but has not taken the steps required to prevent Greece from being counted among the friends of the central powers.

GERMANY TO PAY INDEMNITY.

Offers to Pay Small Sum for Loss of Americans on Lusitania.

Washington.—Through Count von Bernstorff Germany has notified the United States of its willingness to pay indemnity for the 115 Americans who lost their lives when the Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine.

Although no amount has as yet been proposed, it is stated the German government stands ready to pay \$5,000 for each American who died on the great liner, or a total of \$575,000. It is doubted if this offer will be acceptable to the United States.

Germany has not yet shown any inclination to disavow the act of the submarine commander who destroyed the Lusitania.

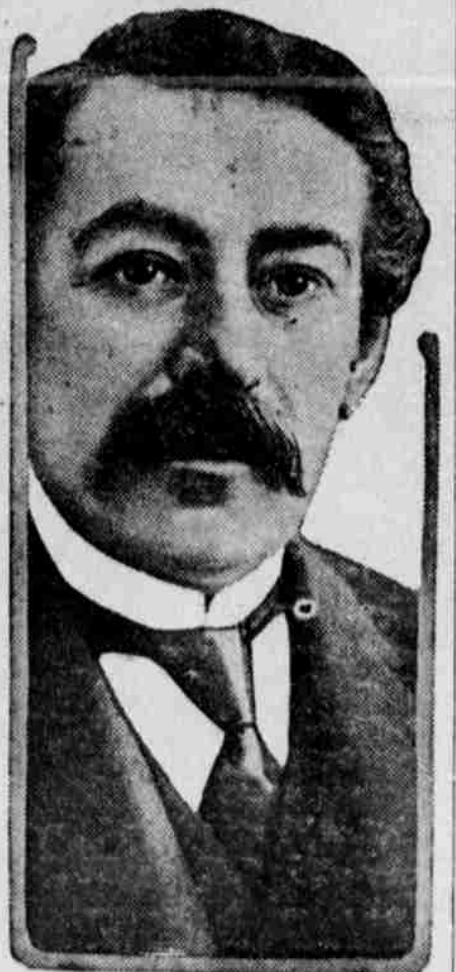
Federation Rejects Referendum.

San Francisco.—Resolutions asking "Shall the officers of the American Federation of Labor be elected by a referendum vote of the membership?" and providing for the initiative, referendum and recall in transacting the affairs of the organization, were voted down Saturday by the delegates of the thirty-fifth annual convention after a discussion lasting several hours.

Quake Stops Clocks.

Los Angeles, Cal.—An earth shock lasting from twenty seconds to about one minute was felt at 4:15 p. m. Saturday throughout the extreme southern part of California. Clocks were stopped at Yuma, Ariz.

ARISTIDE BRIAND



Aristide Briand, who has succeeded Viviani as French premier, has held various cabinet positions and was premier for two months early in 1913. He is known as an exceptionally strong man in national and international affairs.

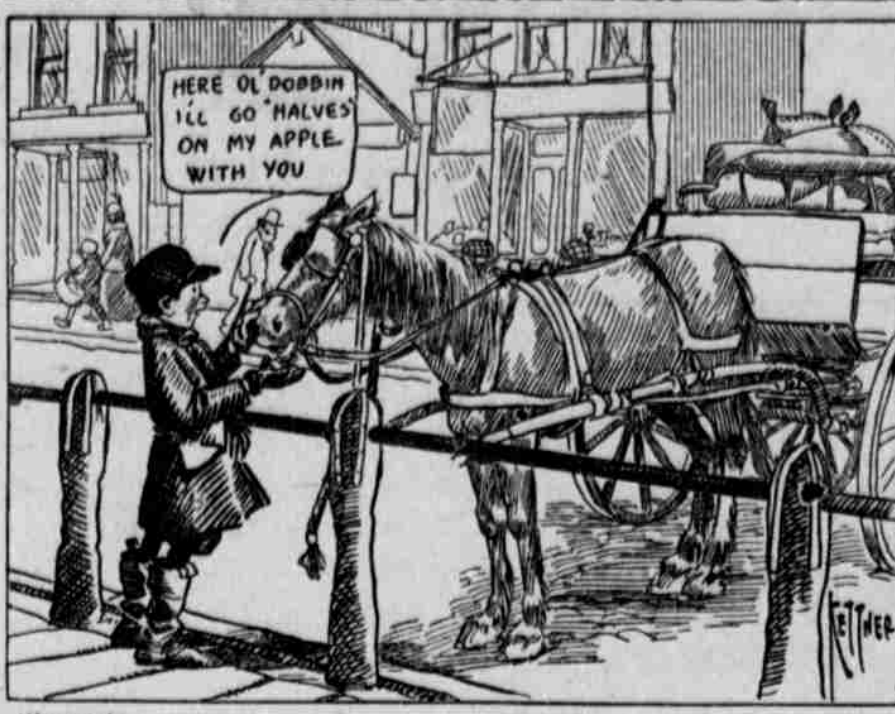
Attribute Shake to Eruption.

El Centro, Cal.—The earth shock felt throughout the Imperial valley Saturday was attributed by persons here Saturday night to an eruption of a mud volcano in the foothills of Cocopah mountains.

Steamer Escapes Submarine.

Madrid.—A telegram received here gives a wireless message said to have been sent out by the Italian steamship Verona, stating that she was being pursued by a large submarine with two periscopes.

FIFTY-FIFTY



CHINESE ASKED TO JOIN ALLIANCE

PARTICIPATION OF YELLOW KINGDOM IN PRESENT WAR NOT CONTEMPLATED.

Invitation Extended by Great Britain, France and Russia, Without Consulting Japan, in Hope of Avoiding Friction.

Washington.—Great Britain, France and Russia have united in an effort to add China to the entente alliance in order to prevent possible friction in the future between Japan and China and to preserve the peace of the far east. If China agrees to the plan, military participation in the present war is not expected.

Negotiations thus far are in a conversational stage at Peking, with no indications as to China's attitude. Although the United States is being kept informed, its diplomatic representatives at Peking and European capitals are refraining from participation.

This sensational turn in far eastern affairs on the eve of the proposed change by China from a republic to a monarchy has been the subject of confidential exchanges between the allied powers during the last week, but only became known here Friday.

Japan has not been consulted. If Japan knows of the plans unofficially, there is nothing here to indicate what her position will be.

THREATS MADE AT FUNERAL.

Friends of Hillstrom Criticize State and Churches.

Salt Lake City.—The body of Joseph Hillstrom, who was executed for a double murder, was shipped from this city on Sunday to Chicago, following funeral services held by members of the I. W. W.

Every address made at the funeral was marked by bitter criticism and attacks upon the state, upon the authorities who were connected with the execution, and even upon the Mormon church and other religious bodies of Salt Lake City.

The name of God was not directly spoken in the services, nor was there any direct reference to Christianity, except in a vague outline of a "spirituality" somewhat similar, perhaps, to that professed by Hillstrom on the day of his death.

IN MEMORY OF MCKINLEY.

Cornerstone of National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Laid.

Niles, O.—The cornerstone of the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial was laid here at noon Saturday with ceremonies reminiscent of the former president's life. "Lead Kindly Light," the hymn which clung to the murdered president in his dying moments, and the Strauss waltz, "On the Beautiful Blue Danube," a favorite of Mrs. McKinley, were played by the United States Marine band and James H. Hoyt, an intimate friend of the former president, recited personal reminiscences.

Ford to Urge Peace Conference.

Detroit, Mich.—Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, announced Friday that he will go to Washington soon to discuss with President Wilson the plan to have the United States join a conference of neutral nations for the purpose of bringing about peace in Europe.

Thompson to Withdraw.

Chicago.—Mayor William Hale Thompson, whose name was filed with the Nebraska secretary of state as candidate for Republican nomination for president, will ask that his name be withdrawn, he said Saturday.

Airmen Attack Udine.

Rome.—Austrian aviators threw fifteen bombs on Udine, Italy, on Friday, killing twelve persons and wounding twenty-seven, according to an official announcement made by the Italian war office.

Ogallala Fire Near Death.

Chicago.—Ogallala Fire, a noted Indian chief, and a survivor of Custer's last fight, is reported to be dying here at the home of his friend, Chief Little Bear. Chief Ogallala Fire is 87 years old.

VILLA'S FOLLOWERS FORCED TO RETREAT

TROOPS RETREAT IN DISORDER AFTER BATTLE IN WHICH THOUSAND ARE LOST.

General Rodriguez Breaks Through Cordon Surrounding Cananea and Rushes to the Support of Rebel Chieftain.

Douglas, Ariz.—The forces of General Francisco Villa are retreating from Hermosillo, leaving one thousand dead, wounded and captured, according to official Carranza reports.

Villa forces of General Jose Rodriguez have broken through the cordon placed around Cananea by General Obregon and are rushing to the assistance of Villa.

The retreating Villa forces are being hotly pursued by General Dieguez, Carranza defender of the capital. Some of the retreating troops had reached as far north as Imuris by railroad and General Obregon has directed his troops attacking Cananea to the west to cut off the escape of Villa's men to Nogales.

PRODUCTS WEEK A SUCCESS.

People Awake to Necessity of Patronizing Home Industries.

Salt Lake City.—"Success unequalled and inspiring crowned the efforts of the Manufacturers' association in bringing before the people of Utah the necessity of supporting the manufacturing establishments of the state," said George S. McAllister, president of the Utah Manufacturers' association, in commenting Saturday night on the results of Utah Products Week observance, which closed Saturday.

Tried to Kill Archbold.

New York.—A daring attempt to assassinate John D. Archbold, Standard Oil man, at his country home near Tarrytown, became known Sunday night. A powerful bomb hidden beneath a pile of leaves on his private driveway was discovered on Saturday by the superintendent of his estate.

THOMAS J. PENCE



Thomas J. Pence, who managed the publicity campaign of Woodrow Wilson in the revention campaign of 1912, is probably the next secretary of the Democratic national committee. Mr. Pence is at present the acting secretary, Joseph E. Davies having resigned the office when he became commissioner of corporations.

Italy to Declare War on Germany.

London.—The correspondent at Berne, Switzerland, of the Central News telegraphs: "Diplomats understand that an Italian declaration of war on Germany is only a matter of hours."

Tina Lerner Weds Again.

San Francisco.—Tina Lerner, Russian pianist, was married here Saturday to Vladimir Shavitch of New York. Miss Lerner was granted a divorce Wednesday at Reno, Nev., from Louis J. Bachner of Berlin.

RESUME FIGHTING AT DARDANELLES

GREAT OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT BEGUN BY ALLIES AGAINST THE TURKISH TROOPS.

The Armies of the Central Powers Are Still Pressing the Defending Forces in Western Serbia—Fighting Resumed in Flanders.

Rotterdam.—The Cologne Gazette reports that a great offensive movement has been initiated at the Dardanelles by the allies.

Violent fighting in the vicinity of Seddul Bahr, on the tip of Gallipoli peninsula, is reported by the war office at Constantinople. The statement follows:

"Artillery duels are in progress on the Dardanelles front. Violent fighting with bombs is taking place near Seddul Bahr."

A London dispatch announces that the armies of the central powers are still pressing the defending forces hard in western Serbia, but the Serbs and Montenegrins are offering strong resistance. The Montenegrins are giving battle to the invaders along the Drina and Lim rivers and at several points are said to have repulsed them, while in the Ibar valley Serbian rear guards assumed the offensive.

The Austro-Hungarians as they approach the Kosovo plain, in the region of Pristina, are being met by the Serbs, frequently in hand-to-hand encounters, but they still continue to push forward and are now declared to be approaching Pristina both from the north and the east. Although both the Berlin and Vienna communications daily announce relatively large captures of men, a dispatch from Austrian headquarters estimates that the Serb army aggregates between 130,000 and 150,000 men.

It is reported that the Serbs at Monastir are receiving reinforcements and that the British also are sending up men to the front through which the Bulgarians had hoped to drive the Serbs across the border into Greece or westward into Albania. Additional forces of men and guns are being landed daily by the entente allies at Saloniki.

To the recent presence of Field Marshal Kitchener on the Gallipoli peninsula is attributed in London the resumption of activity in the Dardanelles operations.

Hard fighting still is in progress on the Austro-Italian front with the big guns of the Italians working hard on Gorizia and adjacent sectors. According to Vienna, the Austrians have driven the Italians from all the positions they had captured around Osilava and also ejected the Italians who entered the Austrian lines in the district of San Martino.

In the west the British and French artillery has become more active in Flanders and Champagne, which on previous occasions has been the signal for offensive movements. The Russians, since they regained the ground they lost on the river Styx, have been inactive, except for minor attacks in the Dvinsk region. The Petrograd correspondents, however, predict that more important events are impending.

British and French troops have captured the city of Tibat in the German colony of Kamerun, West Africa, where the sultan and populace are said to have welcomed them.

MAN WAS BURIED ALIVE.

Begged for Mercy But His Murderer Would Not Listen.

Batavia, N. Y.—Luigi Matroni was buried alive in the cellar of his home near Corfu in May, 1914, his body being trampled into a newly made grave while he still begged for mercy, according to a story told by his widow to District Attorney Coon, Monday afternoon Antonio Boliva, the alleged murderer, pointed out the spot where the crime occurred and a body was found, which Mrs. Matroni identified as that of her husband. Boliva has confessed, the district attorney said.

TURKEY SUPPRESSES PLOT.

Eleven Members of Egyptian Secret Society Put to Death.

Washington.—Execution at Beirut of eleven members of an Egyptian secret society, which, it is claimed, had for its object the dismemberment of Turkey and the creation of an independent Arabian state under the protectorate of Great Britain, was announced here Tuesday by the Turkish embassy. The members of the society, the embassy alleges, planned to assassinate high officials and many other prominent people.

To Improve Yosemite Park.

Washington.—Contracts involving expenditure of a half million dollars in the Yosemite National park for new hotels, transportation facilities and camp sites were signed Tuesday by Secretary Lane.

Execution Cost \$371.80.

Salt Lake City.—It cost Salt Lake county \$371.80 to execute Joseph Hillstrom, according to the bill approved by the county commission. Of this amount \$250 was paid the five men who constituted the firing squad.

Live Stock Convention Called.

El Paso, Texas.—The annual convention of the American Live Stock association is to be held in El Paso January 25, 26 and 27, 1916. These dates were set on Tuesday by officials of the association.

THE UTAH BUDGET

The annual convention of the Utah Christian Endeavor was held at Salt Lake last week.

While attempting to swallow a peanut kernel given to it by the mother, the 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Orson Anderson of Uinta choked to death.

Jess Geasa, driver of the automobile which caused the death of Edward A. Davies and Gladys Mitchell, at Salt Lake, is to be prosecuted on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

With her face buried in a pillow under a table, Mrs. Alice Miller, 33 years of age, was found dead on the floor of her home at Salt Lake. It is believed she had taken poison with suicidal intent.

William Keenan, aged 27, fireman for the Oregon Short Line, was slashed about the face by Aleck Gerros, who conducts a restaurant at Salt Lake, following a dispute over the price of a meal.

At the conclusion of a three days' examination for barbers, held by the state board of examiners of barbers at the secretary's office, there were twenty-six applicants, of which eighteen received certificates.

Articles of incorporation of the Southern Utah Sugar company, a million-dollar sugar corporation which proposes to operate in the Delta district of Utah, have been filed with the secretary of state.

Death by slow poisoning may be the fate of Mrs. Le Roy J. Stone of Ogden, as the result of swallowing a quantity of disinfecting fluid at her home. Relatives assert that she took the fluid by mistake.

Michael Maher, 40 years of age, section foreman for the Denver & Rio Grande at Soldier Summit, was instantly killed when he stepped in front of a passenger train in getting out of the way of a freight train.

The Utah-Idaho Sugar company distributed among farmers of Spanish Fork and vicinity approximately \$200,000 last week, as the first payment for the 1915 crop of beets. The largest pay day last year was \$150,000.

Salt Lake's chief of police has issued an order to patrolmen, detectives and traffic policemen to arrest all persons who violate any provisions of the traffic ordinance, and as a result numerous arrests have been made of late.

William Bowen, aged 68, local manager of the Crane company, vice-president of the Commercial club, president of the Y. M. C. A., and otherwise prominent in business circles in Salt Lake City, died November 16 from acute indigestion.

Utah is among the states having the highest reported number of scarlet fever and typhoid cases, but it has the lowest reported rate of deaths from typhoid fever and is among the three lowest in the rate of deaths from scarlet fever.

Weir Reid, the Utah industrial school student who recently committed a series of depredations following his escape from the institution, has been sentenced to serve an indeterminate term of from one to ten years in the state prison.

Utah probably will have to carry to the supreme court of the United States her fight for title to coal and mineral bearing lands contained in the school grants provided for by the enabling act passed by congress when the state was created.

The officers of Brigham City confiscated a large quantity of whisky found in a cache near the Oregon Short Line depot, and the man who admitted ownership of the wet goods, W. W. Wymen, who gave his address as Pocatello, Idaho, was fined \$50.

To Green River goes the credit of shipping the latest car of watermelons that has been shipped in the intermountain section in years. A. D. Lewis of Green River sent a carload of fine melons, untouched by frost, to Helper last week for distribution.

Several shipments of goods from Paris and Japan went through the Salt Lake custom house one day last week, and duties amounting to \$500 were assessed against them. The largest item was a shipment of gloves from France for a Salt Lake retailer.

The Salt Lake Route will start next spring a detailed survey and investigation of the feasibility of constructing a branch line into the Uintah basin. Such is the statement made by former United States Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, president of that road.

An unusual accident took place at Lake Shore. Two young men, Tom Ashby and Dell Thomas, brothers-in-law, were moving the porch of a house when a portion of the structure gave way and both were caught by falling timbers. Both suffered fractured collar bones.

An area of some 800 acres on the east side of Mount Timpanogos has been closed to grazing, the object being to preserve its scenic beauties. The Timpanogos trail leads to the only glacier in Utah, and it is claimed that the finest view in the state can be obtained from the top of Timpanogos mountain.

Rev. Dr. S. E. Wishard, long a resident of this state and prominent in the work of the Presbyterian church, died suddenly of heart disease at the home of his daughter, Miss Hattie Wishard, at Los Angeles. He only lacked a little more than a month of being 90 years of age.

Weir Reid, 20 years of age, the escaped student of the Utah Industrial school who was arrested at Garfield, has not only confessed to the theft of a horse and buggy from Lawrence Brown, but also to the robbery of the Cragan store at Pleasant View.